(b) whether Bangladesh Government have also agreed to abide by the reports of the joint survey ;

(c) if so, whether the joint survey has been going on the full report has been received by both countries; and

(d) if so, by what time the report is likely to be implemented and Government are likely to implement the suggestions made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Do not airse.

Future of Indo-US nuclear deal

476. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are speaking in respect of the future of Indo-US nuclear deal in different languaes as the Hon'ble Prime Minister has reportedly told to the US President that there certain difficulties in implementing the deal;

(b) whether contracting optimist official sources on 17th October, 2007 have said that Indian-US nuclear deal would be different if Government do not move soon enough for safeguards negotiations with IAEA; and

(c) if so, the exact stand and outcome of the Indo-US nuclear deal as on date?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) India and the USA have agreed on the text of an 'Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy'. The finalised text of the Agreement has received the approval of the Cabinet. As negotiated by India in the Agreement, India will complete the negotiation of an Indo-specific safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Thereafter adjustment of the guidelines of the Nulcear Suppliers Group (NSG) and approval of the US Congress for operationalisation of the agreement will be sought.

Sino-Indian border talks

477. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sino-Indian talks on the settlement of border issue were held, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the decisions taken thereat ; and

(c) the effective steps that have so far been taken by the two Governments to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). The eleventh round of Special Representatives Talks on the India-China boundary question was held on Beijing from 24 to 26 September 2007. The Special Representatives of the two countries, Mr. M.K. Narayanan, National Security Adviser and Mr. Dai Bingguo, Vice Foreign Minister held useful and positive dicussions on the framework for the settlment of the India-China boundary question. The two sides agreed that the next round of talks would be held in Beijing. The specific dates would be decided through diplomatic channels.